REMARKS

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect one of the following patentably distinct species:

Species 1, illustrated in Figure 3;

Species 2, illustrated in Figure 6;

Species 3, illustrated in Figure 7;

Species 4, illustrated in Figure 8;

Species 5, illustrated in Figure 9; or

Species 6, illustrated in Figure 10.

Applicant hereby elects Species 5, the embodiment illustrated in Figure 9, and believes that claims 1, 3, 4 and 5 are readable thereon. Applicant reserves the right to submit any Divisional patent applications directed toward the non-elected Species.

An early action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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